

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A semitransparent cosmetic consisting of an O/W emulsion which comprises (a) a ceramide, (b) an oil component, (c) a nonionic surfactant, and (d) water and has a mean particle diameter of 100 to 300 nm; a semitransparent cosmetic as described above wherein the component (c) is polyoxyethylene hydrogenated castor oil; and a semitransparent cosmetic as described above wherein the mass ratio of the total amount of the components (a) and (b) to the amount of the component (c) lies between 3:1 and 1.2:1. The ceramide-containing O/W emulsion cosmetics are excellent in long-term stability and have beautiful appearances and a sense of luxuriousness.